AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the second paragraph on page 12 as follows:

Alternatively, as shown in dashed line, the hold-down means may comprise generally flat extensions ~~13B~~ that extend outward in a horizontal plane from the bottom wall 13 of the base member 11 in laterally opposed relation, for receiving the feet of a user to hold the base member down against the upward force of the inner receptacle member 12 during upward movement of the inner receptacle member. The extensions ~~13A~~ may be retractable. Alternatively, the bottom portion of the side wall 14 may be contoured inwardly to receive the feet of the user.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 3 on page 16 as follows:

The inner receptacle member 42 has a bottom wall 48 and a peripheral side wall 49 extending upwardly therefrom circumscribing a central chamber 50 with an open top end surrounded by a lip 51. The lower portion of the peripheral side wall 49 of the inner receptacle member 42 is sized and shaped to be slidably received inside the peripheral side wall 44 of the outer base member 41 and to reciprocate telescopically in the lower chamber 45 relative to the base member 41. The peripheral side wall 49 may have a peripheral shoulder 49A that engages the top edge of the base member ~~41~~ 50 when the container member 42 is in its lowermost position. At least one second one-way valve means 52 is disposed on the side wall 49 closely adjacent to the bottom wall 48 for venting air only out of the central chamber 41, as described hereinafter.

Please amend the last paragraph beginning on page 16 and continuing on page 17 as follows:

The outer base member 41may be provided with generally flat extensions 54 which extend outwardly in a horizontal plane from the bottom wall 43 in laterally opposed relation, for receiving the feet of a user to hold the lower base member down against the upward force of the inner receptacle member 42 during reciprocal movement of the inner receptacle member. The extensions 54 may be retractable. Alternatively, the bottom portion of the side wall ~~30~~ 44 may be contoured inwardly to receive the feet of the user, or the base member 41 may be provided other suitable hold-down means as described previously.

Please amend the first paragraph on page 23 as follows:

As the bottom wall 65 moves downwardly, the volume of the central chamber 63 increases, and the pressure of trapped air between the exterior of the liner L and interior surfaces of the central chamber 63 is increasingly reduced relative to the ambient air pressure on the interior of the liner until a vacuum is created between the exterior of the liner and interior surfaces of the receptacle which sucks or draws the flexible liner toward the interior surfaces of the peripheral side wall [[2]] 62 of the receptacle and the top surface of the bottom wall and it is drawn tight against said surfaces, as shown in Fig. 7B. In its lowermost position, the bottom surface of the bottom wall 65 engages the support surface or floor and the exterior of its peripheral skirt 66 covers the exhaust openings or slots 64 of the receptacle from the inside, and the trash receptacle 60 then resembles a conventional solid trash receptacle.

Please amend the last paragraph on page 23 as follows:

Referring now to Figs. 8, 8A and 8B, another embodiment of the trash receptacle 70 having a flexible diaphragm 75 is shown. The receptacle 70 has a longitudinally extending perimeter side wall 71 circumscribing a central chamber 72 with an open top end surrounded by a lip73 and an open bottom end which is supported on a support surface and vented to atmosphere through one or more openings or slots 74 in the lower portion of the side wall.

Please amend the last paragraph beginning on page 27 and continuing on page 28 as follows:

Fig. 11 shows another embodiment of the trash receptacle 100 having a removable exhaust fan attachment. In this embodiment, the trash receptacle 100 is a conventional trash receptacle having a bottom wall 101 and a peripheral side wall 102 extending upwardly therefrom circumscribing a central chamber 103 with an open top end surrounded by a lip 104, and an exhaust fan attachment 105 is removably installed on the receptacle. The exhaust fan attachment 105 has a tubular exhaust conduit 106 with an elongate vertical section 107, an open bottom end 108, an inverted U-shaped upper portion 109 configured to be removably received on the lip 104 at the top end of the receptacle, and a depending section 110 extending downward from the inverted U-shaped portion. An exhaust fan 111 is mounted at the lower end of the depending section 110 in communication with the interior of the exhaust conduit 106. The exhaust fan 111 is connected with a source of electrical power, such as a DC battery or 110 volt AC wall outlet, and controlled by a switch in a conventional manner (not shown). A small screen or grating 108A may be installed on the open bottom end 108 of the exhaust conduit 106 to prevent the liner from being drawn into the conduit. The elongate vertical section 107 may also be formed of telescoping tubular sections or otherwise adjustable in length so as to position its open bottom end 108 a short distance above the bottom wall 101 of the receptacle 100.